

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 7552

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG IR UR  
SUBJ: REPORTED IRANO-SOVIET OIL BARTER

REF TEHRAN 6989

1. HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL MARKETING AND SALES OF NIOC TOLD EMBOFF  
THAT THERE WAS NO SUBSTANCE WHATSOEVER TO REPORTS CARRIED IN LOCAL  
PRESS THREE WEEKS AGO ABOUT IRAN HAVING AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO AN  
OIL BARTER DEAL WITH USSR.

2. SOURCE SAID THAT NIOC WAS NOT NOW SUPPLYING USSR WITH ANY OIL  
AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT NO TALKS HAD TAKEN PLACE OR WERE SCHEDULED  
TO OCCUR WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE SUBJECT OF OIL PURCHASE OR BARTER.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT OUR SOURCE WOULD  
BE IGNORANT OF EVEN PRELIMINARY TALKS BETWEEN GOI AND USSR CONCERNING  
SALE OR BARTER OF IRANIAN OIL TO USSR. WE ALSO SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT  
NIOC OFFICIAL WAS TRYING TO MISLEAD US AND WE CONCLUDE, THEREFORE,  
THAT THE PRESS ITEM REPORTED IN REFTEL IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION.  
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